

THE CITY OF DEXTER  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor Keough at the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan.

<b>B. ROLL CALL:</b> Mayor Keough	J. Carson	D. Fisher
	J. Knight	J. Semifero
	J. Smith	R. Tell

Also present: Courtney Nicholls, City Manager; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Marie Sherry, Finance Director/Treasurer Carol Jones, Interim City Clerk; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager; Scott Maurer, Assistant Public Services Superintendent; Patrick Droze, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment; Susan Stefanski and Amy Malmer, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments; residents and media.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

1. Regular City Council Meeting – January 26, 2015
2. City Council Work Session – January 26, 2015

Motion Tell; support Knight to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 26, 2015 and the minutes of the City Council Work session of January 26, 2015 with the following corrections: Page 1 - combine the first two bullet points under Ms. Emmons presentation and Page 6 - correct the word tract to track under Mr. Semifero's Council Comments.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

**D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

Susan Stefanski and Amy Malmer with Membership Services at the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)

Ms. Malmer spoke to Council on what SEMCOG is and what it can offer to the City of Dexter. Currently there are 166 members from the seven county area. Funding for SEMCOG is provided by membership dues which help in leveraging grants for the organization. Mayor Keough is Dexter's representative with Ms. Aniol as the alternate. Ms. Malmer invited all to attend the General Assembly on March 26.

Ms. Stefanski spoke of the many services offered by SEMCOG such as providing data of traffic mapping and profiles; transportation plan; economic development areas; and air and water quality issues. They in turn bring these issues to Lansing. Comments and questions to Ms. Stefanski:

- Has there been any assistance to areas impacted by the gas pipeline?
- Would like to see the minutes from the SEMCOG Executive meeting.
- What help does SEMCOG provide in regards to managing stormwater?

#### **E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion Tell; support Fisher to approve the agenda with the addition of three items - I-2 Community Development Manager Report, email regarding Dexter oil questions; I-5 City Manager Report, Summary of issues at 3287 Broad Street; and J-2 Consent Agenda, Reappointment of Board of Review Members.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

#### **F. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

#### **G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

#### **H. COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar
3. Letter from Senator Rebekah Warren regarding Grand Award

#### **I. REPORTS**

1. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff

Mr. Schlaff submits his progress report of the DPW and Water/Sewer per packet.

Mr. Schlaff gave the following updates:

- Currently working with Sgt. Flores and the Fire Department on removing snow from the water hydrants. Working on a plan for cleanup and for installing flags on the hydrants in order to locate them in the future.
- Currently using cold patch for patching of the roads.
- Question – Are there any fees associated with upkeep or readings on meters? (No, done as a service.)
- Question – Was the Fire Department billed for water usage for the recent fire on Island Lake Road? (No, considered an in kind cost.)
- Question – What is happening with the methane burner? (Had to thaw the burner and have now installed an insulation jacket. It should be running on February 10.)
- Question – Can anything be done about the snow around the Post Office cluster boxes? (Will investigate.)

- Question – What happened to the Banner Pole? (It broke at the base and now looking into prices to replace the pole.)

## 2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

Ms. Aniol submits her report as per packet. Ms. Aniol gave the following updates:

- Planning Commission update – The MEDC (Michigan Economic Development Corporation) has requested that the MEDC match be included in the Carlisle Wortman’s Ordinance Update proposal and under Task 5 there be a review of the development review process.
- There will be a second meeting on Friday, February 20 on the development of 3441 Broad Street.
- There may be a work session for the Planning Commission prior to the March 2 meeting to begin to address what “food service” means in the definition of a tasting room..
- Question – Where does the definition of a tasting room come from? (From the ordinance and the intent of a tasting room.)
- Question – What are the next steps with NUBCo (Northern United Brewing Company)? Discussion followed including a possible ordinance amendment, special use, Scio and Pittsfield townships do allow restaurants in industrial parks, and a better definition of food service.
- Question – Why is Dexter not a core community? (This is not a distressed community and we do not fit the criteria.)
- Question – Explain the recent zoning amendments regarding day care facilities. (Group day care is special use and family day care and foster day care are permitted uses in Village Residential.)
- Council member Carson spoke about a recent email regarding oil leasing near Dexter and that Planning Commission should look into this in relation to City ordinances. Discussion followed.

## 3. Boards, Commissions. & Other Reports-“Bi-annual or as needed”

*Washtenaw County Sheriff – January 2015 Written Update*

- Written update included in the packet

*Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS) Policy Rep. – Jim Carson*

Mr. Carson gave the following update:

- The Ride, Washtenaw Area Value Express (WAVE) and Scio Township have been working on providing transportation along Jackson Road with the Meijer’s lot at the corner of Zeeb and Jackson as the hub. This project will also include Dexter and Chelsea. There is still a lot to be done and a need for funding.

## 4. Subcommittee Reports

*Facilities – Verbal Update from February 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting*

- The committee met on February 6 and targeting February 28 for a Town Hall meeting to report on facilities for the Fire Department, Sheriff’s Department and City Offices.

## *Road Plan – Joe Semifero*

Councilmember Semifero gave the following updates:

- The committee met prior to tonight's Council meeting. They plan is to have more information on the bid request at the next meeting along with the WATS changes.

### 5. City Manager Report

Ms. Nicholls submits her report as per packet. Ms. Nicholls gave the following verbal updates:

- Provided to Council a detailed report from Mr. Schlaff on the sewer backup at 3287 Broad Street.
- Comment from Mayor Keough about the temporary rotating sculptures and would better use of the committee's money be purchasing permanent art. Discussion followed.
- Question – Is the City keeping track of the costs of cityhood? (Yes)
- Question - Why has the costs for engineering on the Safe Routes to School project increased? (Mainly due to the charges from MDOT for inspection.)

### 6. Mayor's Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. Mr. Keough gave the following updates:

- Reviewed the proposed workshop meeting dates. Discussion followed. The first two dates of Saturday, March 7 and Wednesday, April 1 were confirmed by Council members. Mayor Keough asked that the other dates on the list be reviewed and to let him know if they will work for everyone.

## **J. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$130,382.04
2. Consideration of: Reappointment of Paul Cousins, Pete Potsos and Carl Sperling to the Board of Review

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve items 1 & 2 of the Consent Agenda.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

## **K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:**

None

## **L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:**

1. Consideration of Border to Border Trail Wayfinding Signage

Motion Fisher: support Carson to approve the Border to Border Trail wayfinding signage.

Ayes: Carson, Fisher, Knight, Semifero, Smith, Tell and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Scope of Services from Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment for Engineering Services for the 2015 Street Program

Motion Semifero; support Smith to approve the Scope of Services from Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment for engineering services for the 2015 Street Program in an amount not to exceed \$9,200.

Ayes: Fisher, Knight, Semifero, Smith, Tell, Carson and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

**M. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Tell	None
Fisher	None
Semifero	None
Jones	None
Smith	None
Knight	None
Carson	None

**N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION**

None

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Fisher; support Carson to adjourn at 9:12 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones  
Interim Clerk, City of Dexter

Approved for Filing: \_\_\_\_\_